

JOHN HANCOCK PREMIUM DIVIDEND FUND
Form N-Q
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

Investment Company Act file number 811-05908

John Hancock Premium Dividend Fund
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

601 Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02210
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Salvatore Schiavone, Treasurer

601 Congress Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02210

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 617-663-4497

Date of fiscal year end: October 31

Date of reporting period: January 31, 2016

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

John Hancock

Premium Dividend Fund

Quarterly portfolio holdings 1/31/16

Fund's investments Premium Dividend Fund

As of 1-31-16 (unaudited)

| | Shares | Value |
|--|---------|---------------|
| Preferred securities | | |
| 102.2% (67.6% of Total investments) (Cost \$711,235,120) | | \$753,456,842 |
| Consumer | | |
| staples 2.6% | | 19,390,627 |
| Food and staples retailing 2.6% | | |
| Ocean | | |
| Spray | | |
| Cranberries, Inc., Series A, 6.250% (S) | 224,250 | 19,390,627 |
| Energy 1.2% | | 9,193,108 |
| Oil, gas and consumable fuels 1.2% | | |
| Kinder | | |
| Morgan, Inc., 9.750% (Z) | 213,050 | 9,193,108 |
| Financials 59.0% | | 434,703,034 |
| Banks 31.8% | | |
| Bank | | |
| of | | |
| America | 980,000 | 25,048,800 |
| Corp., 6.375% (Z) | | |
| Bank | | |
| of | | |
| America | 360,000 | 9,540,000 |
| Corp., 6.625% (Z) | | |
| Bank | | |
| of | | |
| America | | |
| Corp., Depository | 630,000 | 16,335,900 |
| Shares, Series D, 6.204% (Z) | | |
| Barclays | | |
| Bank | | |
| PLC, Series 3, 7.100% | 192,500 | 5,005,000 |
| | 310,000 | 8,159,200 |

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| Barclays Bank PLC, Series 5, 8.125% BB&T Corp., | 770,000 | 19,881,400 |
| 5.625% (Z) | | |
| BB&T Corp. (Callable | 205,000 | 5,178,300 |
| 11-1-17), 5.200% (Z) | | |
| BB&T Corp. (Callable | 110,000 | 2,783,000 |
| 6-1-18), 5.200% (Z) | | |
| Citigroup, Inc. (6.875% to 11-15-23, then | 127,223 | 3,494,816 |
| 3 month LIBOR + 4.130% (Z) | | |
| Citigroup, Inc. (7.125% to 9-30-23, then | 40,000 | 1,090,800 |
| 3 month LIBOR + 4.040% (Z) | | |
| Citigroup, Inc., Depository Shares, Series AA, 8.125% (Z) | 338,830 | 9,494,017 |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co., 5.450% (Z) | 490,000 | 12,357,800 |
| | 200,000 | 5,042,000 |

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|---|---------|------------|
| JPMorgan Chase & Co., 5.500% (Z) | | |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co., 6.100% (Z) | 650,000 | 16,672,500 |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co., 6.300% (Z) | 245,000 | 6,392,050 |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co., 6.700% (Z) | 35,000 | 957,250 |
| Santander Holdings USA, Inc., Series C, 7.300% | 500,000 | 12,705,000 |
| The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc., 5.375% (Z) | 180,000 | 4,618,800 |
| The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (6.125% to 5-1-22, then 3 month LIBOR + 4.067% (Z) | 311,600 | 8,687,408 |
| U.S. Bancorp, 5.150% (Z) | 500,000 | 12,950,000 |
| | 160,000 | 4,233,600 |

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| U.S. Bancorp (6.000% to 4-15-17, then 3 month LIBOR + 4.861%) (Z) | | |
| U.S. Bancorp (6.500% to 1-15-22, then | 351,000 | 10,014,030 |
| 3 month LIBOR + 4.468%) (Z) | | |
| Wells Fargo & Company, 6.000% (Z) | 205,000 | 5,387,400 |
| Wells Fargo & Company, 8.000% (Z) | 1,017,000 | 28,476,000 |
| Capital markets 18.0% | | |
| Deutsche Bank Contingent Capital Trust II, 6.550% (Z) | 287,000 | 7,241,010 |
| Deutsche Bank Contingent Capital Trust III, 7.600% | 662,000 | 16,993,540 |
| Morgan Stanley, 6.625% (Z) | 842,557 | 22,572,102 |
| | 249,227 | 6,477,410 |

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| Morgan Stanley (6.375% to 10-15-24, then 3 month LIBOR + 3.708%) (Z) | | |
| Morgan Stanley (7.125% to 10-15-23, then 3 month LIBOR + 4.320%) (Z) | 300,000 | 8,529,000 |
| State Street Corp., 5.250% (Z) | 1,015,000 | 26,166,700 |
| State Street Corp., 6.000% (Z) | 80,000 | 2,106,400 |
| State Street Corp. (5.900% to 3-15-24, then 3 month LIBOR + 3.108%) (Z) | 25,000 | 672,500 |
| The Bank of New York Mellon Corp., 5.200% (Z) | 442,000 | 11,399,180 |
| | 920,000 | 23,763,600 |

The
Goldman
Sachs
Group,
Inc.,
5.950% (Z)

The
Goldman
Sachs
Group, 250,000 6,472,500

Inc.,
Series B,
6.200% (Z)
Consumer finance 5.5%

Capital
One
Financial 100,000 2,592,000

Corp.,
6.000% (Z)

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Premium Dividend Fund

| | Shares | Value |
|---|---------|-------------|
| Financials (continued) | | |
| Consumer finance (continued) | | |
| Capital | | |
| One | | |
| Financial Corp., 6.250% (Z) | 81,196 | \$2,132,207 |
| Capital | | |
| One | | |
| Financial Corp., 6.700% (Z) | 105,000 | 2,858,100 |
| Capital | | |
| One | | |
| Financial Corp., 6.200% (Z) | 80,000 | 2,088,800 |
| HSBC | | |
| Finance | | |
| Corp., Depository Shares, Series B, 6.360% | 454,000 | 11,645,100 |
| SLM | | |
| Corp., Series A, 6.970% | 445,500 | 19,454,985 |
| Insurance 1.7% | | |
| Aegon | | |
| NV, 6.500% (Z) | 75,000 | 1,955,250 |
| Prudential | | |
| Financial, Inc., 5.750% (Z) | 50,000 | 1,304,000 |
| Prudential | | |
| PLC, 6.750% (Z) | 175,000 | 4,581,500 |
| W.R. | | |
| Berkley Corp., 5.625% (Z) | 190,377 | 4,807,019 |
| Real estate investment trusts 2.0% | | |
| Senior Housing Properties Trust, | 510,000 | 12,714,300 |

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| 5.625% (Z) | | |
| Ventas Realty LP, | 63,000 | 1,670,760 |
| 5.450% (Z) | | |
| Industrials 0.5% Machinery 0.5% | | 3,469,500 |
| Stanley Black & Decker, Inc., | 135,000 | 3,469,500 |
| 5.750% (Z) | | |
| Telecommunication services 6.7% | | 49,304,595 |
| Diversified telecommunication services 4.1% | | |
| Qwest Corp., | 107,500 | 2,660,625 |
| 6.125% | | |
| Qwest Corp., | 1,021,000 | 26,168,230 |
| 7.375% | | |
| Verizon Communications Inc., | 60,000 | 1,593,540 |
| 5.900% (Z) | | |
| Wireless telecommunication services 2.6% | | |
| Telephone & Data Systems, Inc., | 100,000 | 2,491,000 |
| 5.875% (Z) | | |
| Telephone & Data Systems, Inc., | 285,000 | 7,390,050 |
| 6.625% (Z) | | |
| Telephone & Data Systems, Inc., | 170,000 | 4,329,900 |
| 6.875% (Z) | | |
| United States Cellular Corp., | 185,000 | 4,671,250 |

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|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 6.950% (Z) | | |
| Utilities 32.2% | | 237,395,978 |
| Electric utilities 25.3% | | |
| Duke | | |
| Energy Corp., | 180,000 | 4,629,600 |
| 5.125% (Z) | | |
| Entergy | | |
| Arkansas, Inc., | 650,000 | 16,497,000 |
| 6.450% | | |
| Entergy | | |
| Mississippi, Inc., | 667,000 | 16,875,100 |
| 6.250% (Z) | | |
| Gulf | | |
| Power Company, | 52,400 | 5,323,400 |
| 5.600% | | |
| HECO | | |
| Capital Trust III, | 181,000 | 4,677,221 |
| 6.500% | | |
| Interstate | | |
| Power & Light Company, | 1,340,000 | 34,505,000 |
| 5.100% | | |
| NextEra | | |
| Energy Capital Holdings, Inc., | 185,000 | 4,647,200 |
| 5.125% (Z) | | |
| NextEra | | |
| Energy Capital Holdings, Inc., | 320,000 | 8,214,400 |
| 5.700% (Z) | | |
| NSTAR | | |
| Electric Company, | 13,347 | 1,261,292 |
| 4.250% | | |
| NSTAR | | |
| Electric Company, | 100,000 | 9,700,000 |
| 4.780% | | |
| | 1,450,320 | 37,650,307 |

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| PPL Capital Funding, Inc., 5.900% (Z) | | |
| SCE Trust I, 5.625% | 265,000 | 6,882,050 |
| SCE Trust II, 5.100% | 1,208,500 | 30,115,820 |
| The Southern Company, 6.250% (Z) | 155,000 | 4,105,950 |
| Union Electric Company, 3.700% | 12,262 | 1,195,929 |
| Multi-utilities Baltimore Gas & Electric Company, Series 1993, 6.700% | 20,250 | 2,038,290 |
| Baltimore Gas & Electric Company, Series 1995, 6.990% | 134,000 | 13,546,569 |

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Premium Dividend Fund

| | Shares | Value |
|---|---------|---------------|
| Utilities (continued) | | |
| Multi-utilities (continued) | | |
| BGE Capital Trust | 690,000 | \$18,229,800 |
| II, 6.200% | | |
| DTE Energy Company, 5.250% (Z) | 235,000 | 5,898,500 |
| DTE Energy Company, 6.500% (Z) | 180,000 | 4,708,800 |
| Integrys Holding, Inc. (6.000% to 8-1-23, then 3 month LIBOR + 3.220%) | 255,000 | 6,693,750 |
| Common stocks 49.0% (32.3% of Total investments) (Cost \$272,389,487) | | \$360,747,512 |
| Energy 7.5% | | 55,587,408 |
| Oil, gas and consumable fuels 7.5% | | |
| Chevron Corp. (L)(Z) | 67,000 | 5,793,490 |
| Columbia Pipeline Group, Inc. | 360,000 | 6,678,000 |
| ConocoPhillips (L)(Z) | 90,000 | 3,517,200 |
| Kinder Morgan, Inc. | 262,000 | 4,309,900 |
| Royal Dutch Shell PLC, | 214,500 | 9,422,985 |

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| ADR, Class A Spectra Energy Corp. | 942,289 | 25,865,833 |
| Telecommunication services 3.0% Diversified telecommunication services 3.0% | | 21,754,700 |
| AT&T, Inc. (L)(Z) | 340,000 | 12,260,400 |
| Verizon Communication Inc. (L)(Z) | 100,000 | 9,494,300 |
| Utilities 38.5% Electric utilities 17.2% | | 283,405,404 |
| American Electric Power Company, Inc. | 200,000 | 12,194,000 |
| Avangrid, Inc. (I)(L)(Z) | 381,500 | 14,668,675 |
| Duke Energy Corp. | 285,000 | 21,460,500 |
| Eversource Energy (L)(Z) | 560,000 | 30,128,000 |
| FirstEnergy Corp. (L)(Z) | 301,450 | 9,965,937 |
| OGE Energy Corp. (L)(Z) | 430,000 | 11,278,900 |
| Pinnacle West Capital Corp. | 50,000 | 3,315,500 |
| PPL Corp. The | 240,000 | 8,414,400 |
| Southern Company | 75,000 | 3,669,000 |
| Xcel Energy, Inc. (L)(Z) | 300,000 | 11,466,000 |
| Gas utilities 2.6% | | |
| AGL Resources, Inc. | 70,000 | 4,449,200 |
| Atmos Energy Corp. (L)(Z) | 80,000 | 5,537,600 |

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|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| ONE Gas, Inc. | 42,500 | 2,403,800 |
| Questar Corp. (L)(Z) | 332,800 | 6,785,792 |
| Multi-utilities 18.7% | | |
| Alliant Energy Corp. | 400,000 | 26,136,000 |
| Black Hills Corp. | 220,000 | 10,841,600 |
| CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (L)(Z) | 1,065,000 | 19,031,550 |
| Dominion Resources, Inc. | 240,000 | 17,320,800 |
| DTE Energy Company (L)(Z) | 250,000 | 21,252,500 |
| National Grid PLC, ADR (L)(Z) | 235,000 | 16,640,350 |
| NiSource, Inc. (L)(Z) | 440,000 | 9,244,400 |
| TECO Energy, Inc. (L)(Z) | 160,000 | 4,339,200 |
| Vectren Corp. | 215,000 | 8,995,600 |
| WEC Energy Group, Inc. | 70,000 | 3,866,100 |

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Premium Dividend Fund

| | Par value^ | Value |
|--|------------|-------------------------|
| Short-term investments 0.1% (0.1% of Total investments) (Cost \$1,071,000) | | \$1,071,000 |
| Repurchase agreement 0.1% Repurchase Agreement with State Street Corp. dated 1-29-16 at 0.030% to be repurchased at \$1,071,003 on 2-1-16, collateralized by \$1,095,000 U.S. Treasury Notes, 0.750% due 6-30-17 (valued at \$1,095,000, including interest) | 1,071,000 | 1,071,000 |
| Total investments (Cost \$984,695,607) | | \$1,115,275,354 |
| 151.3% | | |
| Other assets and liabilities, net (51.3%) | | (\$378,309,694) |
| Total net assets 100.0% | | \$736,965,660 |

The percentage shown for each investment category is the total value of the category as a percentage of the net assets of the fund.

^All par values are denominated in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated.

Key to Security

Abbreviations and

Legend

- ADR American Depositary Receipts
LIBOR London Interbank Offered Rate
(I) Non-income producing security.
A portion of this security is on loan as of 1-31-16, and is a component of the fund's leverage under the Liquidity Agreement.
(L) The value of securities on loan amounted to \$149,621,131.
(S) These securities are exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. Such securities may be resold, normally to qualified institutional buyers, in

transactions
exempt from
registration.

(Z) All or a
portion of this
security is
pledged as
collateral
pursuant to the
Liquidity
Agreement.
Total collateral
value at
1-31-16 was
\$618,869,666.
At 1-31-16,
the aggregate
cost of
investment
securities for
federal income
tax purposes
was
\$985,810,436.
Net unrealized
appreciation
aggregated
\$129,464,918,
of which
\$147,774,221
related to
appreciated
investment
securities and
\$18,309,303
related to
depreciated
investment
securities.

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Notes to Fund's investments (unaudited)

Security valuation. Investments are stated at value as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), normally at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time. In order to value the securities, the fund uses the following valuation techniques: Equity securities held by the fund are valued at the last sale price or official closing price on the exchange or principal market where the security was acquired or most likely will be sold. In the event there were no sales during the day or closing prices are not available, the securities are valued using the last available bid price. Swaps and unlisted options are valued using evaluated prices obtained from an independent pricing vendor. Futures contracts are valued at settlement prices, which are the official closing prices published by the exchange on which they trade. Securities that trade only in the over-the-counter (OTC) market are valued using bid prices. Other portfolio securities and assets, for which reliable market quotations are not readily available, are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the fund's Pricing Committee following procedures established by the Board of Trustees. The frequency with which these fair valuation procedures are used cannot be predicted and fair value of securities may differ significantly from the value that would have been used had a ready market for such securities existed.

The fund uses a three-tier hierarchy to prioritize the pricing assumptions, referred to as inputs, used in valuation techniques to measure fair value. Level 1 includes securities valued using quoted prices in active markets for identical securities. Level 2 includes securities valued using other significant observable inputs. Observable inputs may include quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds and credit risk. Prices for securities valued using these inputs are received from independent pricing vendors and brokers and are based on an evaluation of the inputs described. Level 3 includes securities valued using significant unobservable inputs when market prices are not readily available or reliable, including the fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments. Factors used in determining value may include market or issuer specific events or trends, changes in interest rates and credit quality. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risks associated with investing in those securities. Changes in valuation techniques and related inputs may result in transfers into or out of an assigned level within the disclosure hierarchy.

The following is a summary of the values by input classification of the fund's investments as of January 31, 2016, by major security category or type:

| | Total value at 1-31-16 | Level 1 quoted price | Level 2 significant observable inputs | Level 3 significant unobservable inputs |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Preferred securities | | | | |
| Consumer staples | \$19,390,627 | | \$19,390,627 | |
| Energy | 9,193,108 | \$9,193,108 | | |
| Financials | 434,703,034 | 434,703,034 | | |
| Industrials | 3,469,500 | 3,469,500 | | |
| Telecommunication services | 49,304,595 | 47,711,055 | 1,593,540 | |
| Utilities | 237,395,978 | 191,722,940 | 45,673,038 | |
| Common stocks | | | | |
| Energy | 55,587,408 | 55,587,408 | | |
| Telecommunication services | 21,754,700 | 21,754,700 | | |
| Utilities | 283,405,404 | 283,405,404 | | |
| Short-term investments | 1,071,000 | | 1,071,000 | |
| Total investments in securities | \$1,115,275,354 | \$1,047,547,149 | \$67,728,205 | |
| Other financial instruments: | | | | |
| Futures | (\$1,421,895) | (\$1,421,895) | | |

Interest rate swaps (1,016,791) (\$1,016,791)

Repurchase agreements. The fund may enter into repurchase agreements. When the fund enters into a repurchase agreement, it receives collateral that is held in a segregated account by the fund's custodian. The collateral amount is marked-to-market and monitored on a daily basis to ensure that the collateral held is in an amount not less than the principal amount of the repurchase agreement plus any accrued interest. Collateral received by the fund for repurchase agreements is disclosed in the Fund's investments as part of the caption related to the repurchase agreement.

Repurchase agreements are typically governed by the terms and conditions of the Master Repurchase Agreement and/or Global Master Repurchase Agreement (collectively, MRA). Upon an event of default, the non-defaulting party may close out all transactions traded under the MRA and net amounts owed. Absent an event of default, assets and liabilities resulting from repurchase agreements are not offset. In the event of a default by the counterparty, realization of the collateral proceeds could be delayed, during which time the collateral value may decline or the counterparty may have insufficient assets to pay back claims resulting from close-out of the transactions.

Derivative instruments. The fund may invest in derivatives in order to meet its investment objectives. Derivatives include a variety of different instruments that may be traded in the OTC market, on a regulated exchange or through a clearing facility. The risks in using derivatives vary depending upon the structure of the instruments, including the use of leverage, optionality, the liquidity or lack of liquidity of the contract, the creditworthiness of the counterparty or clearing organization and the volatility of the position. Some derivatives involve risks that are potentially greater than the risks associated with investing directly in the referenced securities or other referenced underlying instrument. Specifically, the fund is exposed to the risk that the counterparty to an OTC derivatives contract will be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments or otherwise honor its obligations. OTC derivatives transactions typically can only be closed out with the other party to the transaction.

Futures. A futures contract is a contractual agreement to buy or sell a particular currency or financial instrument at a pre-determined price in the future. Risks related to the use of futures contracts include possible illiquidity of the futures markets and contract prices that can be highly volatile and imperfectly correlated to movements in the underlying financial instrument. Use of long futures contracts subjects the funds to the risk of loss up to the notional value of the futures contracts. Use of short futures contracts subjects the funds to unlimited risk of loss.

During the period ended January 31, 2016, the fund used futures contracts to manage against anticipated interest rate changes. The following table summarizes the contracts held at January 31, 2016.

| Open contracts | Number of contracts | Position | Expiration date | Notional basis | Notional value | Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| 10-Year U.S. Treasury Note Futures | 430 | Short | Mar 2016 | (\$54,296,699) | (\$55,718,594) | (\$1,421,895) |

Notional basis refers to the contractual amount agreed upon at inception of open contracts; notional value represents the current value of the open contract.

Interest rate swaps. Interest rate swaps represent an agreement between the fund and a counterparty to exchange cash flows based on the difference between two interest rates applied to a notional amount. The payment flows are usually netted against each other, with the difference being paid by one party to the other. The fund settles accrued net interest receivable or payable under the swap contracts at specified, future intervals. Swap agreements are privately negotiated in the OTC market or may be executed on a registered commodities exchange (centrally cleared swaps). Swaps are marked-to-market daily and the change in value is recorded as unrealized appreciation/depreciation of swap contracts. A termination payment by the counterparty or the fund is recorded as realized gain or loss, as well as the net periodic payments received or paid by the fund. The value of the swap will typically impose collateral posting obligations on the party that is considered out-of-the-money on the swap.

During the period ended January 31, 2016, the fund used interest rate swaps to manage against anticipated interest rate changes. The following table summarizes the interest rate swap contracts held as of January 31, 2016.

| Counterparty | USD notional amount | Payments made by fund | Payments received by fund | Maturity date | Market value |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Morgan Stanley Capital Services | \$82,000,000 | Fixed 1.4625% | 3-month LIBOR ^(a) | Aug 2016 | (\$864,070) |
| Morgan Stanley Capital Services | 82,000,000 | Fixed 0.8750% | 3-month LIBOR ^(a) | Jul 2017 | (152,721) |
| | \$164,000,000 | | | | (\$1,016,791) |

^(a) At 1-31-16, 3-month LIBOR was 0.61260%

For additional information on the fund's significant accounting policies, please refer to the fund's most recent semiannual or annual shareholder report.

More information

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This report is for the information of the shareholders of John Hancock Premium Dividend Fund.

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ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) Based upon their evaluation of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as conducted within 90 days of the filing date of this Form N-Q, the registrant's principal executive officer and principal accounting officer have concluded that those disclosure controls and procedures provide reasonable assurance that the material information required to be disclosed by the registrant on this report is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Separate certifications for the registrant's principal executive officer and principal accounting officer, as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, are attached.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

John Hancock Premium Dividend Fund

By: /s/ Andrew G. Arnott
Andrew G. Arnott
President

Date: March 18, 2016

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ Andrew G. Arnott
Andrew G. Arnott
President

Date: March 18, 2016

By: /s/ Charles A. Rizzo
Charles A. Rizzo
Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 18, 2016
